

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Thursday, February 7, 2008

11:00 a.m.

Room 352, State Capitol

The House and Senate Standing Committees on Appropriations met jointly. The meeting was called to order by the Senate Chairman, Senator Jelinek.

Chairman Jelinek called for the attendance.

Chairman Jelinek recognized House Chairman, Representative Cushingberry.

Chairman Cushingberry called for the attendance.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss and Nofs.

Members Absent/excused: Representative Gillard.

Chairman Jelinek, offered opening remarks to the Joint Committee Meeting introducing Bob Emerson, State Budget Director, for a budget presentation.

Bob Emerson, The State Budget Director, gave a presentation on The Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2009.

Following the presentation Chairman Jelinek announced that House Members' questions would be addressed first and recognized Chairman Cushingberry .

Chairman Cushingberry proceeded to recognize House Members for questions of the State Budget Director.

Bob Kline, State Treasurer and Nancy Duncan, Deputy Budget Director responded to member questions.

Robbie Jameson, of the Budget Office, answered member questions.

Chairman Cushingberry requested excuses for House members to attend Session.

Chairman Jelinek recognized Senate Members for questions of the State Budget Office.

After questions and discussion Chairman Jelinek thanked the presenters.

Chairman Jelinek adjourned the Senate Committee the time being 12:40 p.m., the House Committee stood in recess.

Chairman Cushingberry reconvened the House Committee at 2:40 pm.

Chairman Cushingberry offered thanks to the Budget Director for the presentation and time to answer member questions.

Chairman Cushingberry proceeded to recognize members for questions of the State Budget Director.

Speaker Pro Tempore Sak assumed the chair continuing questions and discussion.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, Representative Sak adjourned the meeting, the time being 3:10 p.m.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair

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